

THE
CASE
OF
ROBERT HASTINGS.

*Of the Parish of St. PAULS SHADWEL, in the County
of MIDDLESEX.*

That he is *Prothonotor* of a Court of *Record*, within the Manours of *Stepney* and *Hackney*, in the County of *Middlesex*; and hath been so for this Eight Years, last past; which Court holds *Plea* only in Personal Actions, under the Value of Five Pounds.

That he hath a *Free-hold* Estate therein, for his own Life and his Sons Life, worth about 20*cl.* Per An. *Communibus Annis.*

That he depended thereon, as a good Provision for him and his Son. And therefore upon coming into the said Place, left of his Practice as an Attorney, and hath discontinued the same ever since.

That the residue of his Estate, lyes most in new Ground-Rents, and new Foundations, proposed to be taxed, towards the defraying the necessary Charge of the Navy.

That he hath been always ready to Serve the Publick, and hath served in several *Commissions*, both of the *Peace*, *Militia*, and others; from the Year 1680, until dismiss, for Refusing to Consent, to take of the *PENAL LAWS* and *TEST.*

That in Case the Bill pass, for Erecting *A Court of Conscience* in the *Tower Hamlets*. The said *Prothonotor's* Place, will be of little or no Value, by Reason the Court holds *Plea*, but for so small a Sum; whereby the said *Robert Hastings*, will be left Destitute of a reasonable In-come, for the Maintainance and Provision of himself, his Wife, and Children.

He therefore Refers himself to the Honour and Justice of this *Honourable House*, where he cannot but hope, towards making up the Losses he is likely to sustain (for the Reasons aforesaid) to have his Name incerted in the said Bill, for *The Tower Hamlets*, as *Register* and *Clerk*, with the Powers thereunto belonging, preferable to any others; he having lived there, ever since he was Burnt out, by the Great Fire of *London*: And therefore well known to the Inhabitants, and the Inhabitants well known to him.